

# Edmonton Bulletin.

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

As the line is still down east of Pelly, we have been unable to secure despatches direct from Winnipeg. What Eastern news we give is compiled from the mail which passed Battleford on Monday last.

BATTLEFORD, 27th Oct., 1881.

Sgt. Parker has just arrived from Red Deer River with four Indian horse thieves. He reports buffalo numerous between here and Red Deer Forks.

The engineers of the Edmonton Branch of the C.P.R. are expected here by December 1st. They will winter here.

Recruits for the N.W. M.P. are being brought in by way of Winnipeg. There is great difficulty in getting them.

Weather fair; more like May than October. Thermometer 57 in the shade.

## EASTERN NEWS.

Sir John A. Macdonald reached home on the 18th of September, much improved in health.

Bush fires in Michigan have burned over 31 townships, destroyed 1,000 lives, and rendered 12,000 people homeless.

The C.P.R. is in operation to Brandon.

The steamer City of Winnipeg was wrecked on Lake Winnipeg while being towed across to be put on the Saskatchewan. The hull is a total loss; machinery safe.

The C.P. telegraph is to be put in running order.

President Garfield died at 11:20 p.m., Sept. 19th.

Guiteau is to be tried at Washington. The plea of insanity is to be set up. Several prominent lawyers have offered their services free of charge. Mason and his associates, who attempted to kill him, are to be tried by special court.

It is rumored that Mr. Fabre is about to retire from the Senate.

Hanlan and Ross will row for \$1,000 a side, after which Hanlan, if victorious, will retire and give others a chance.

Courtney bent Wise, Plaisted and two others in a three mile race near Rochester lately.

At the Assizes in London, Ont., a man was fined four hundred dollars for detaining a letter that had been placed in his box by mistake.

FT. PELLY, 27th Oct., 1881.

O'Hanley's survey party passed here last week going to Winnipeg. They have been running the new boundary line between Manitoba and the North-West. They ran short of provisions and had to abandon their work owing to the bad country in the Porcupine Hills through which the line passes. It is impossible to get through until the ground freezes. They only ran about 50 miles. They crossed a portion of the Duck Mountains and brought up in the Porcupine Hills. Fort Pelly is about 13 miles from the nearest point of the boundary, and still remains in the territory.

The Indians on the reserve near here are getting cheeky, and Mr. Johnston, farm instructor, had to eject one of them forcibly from his house lately. The farm is first-class, and this year the first crop of wheat ever raised in the vicinity of Fort Pelly was cut on it, and is pronounced first-class. The Indians are doing well.

Weather warm and cloudy, with south-west wind.

It is said that Mr. Stickney, Superintendent of the C.P.R., and Gen. Rosser Chief Engineer, have been speculating in Syndicate lands on their own private account to such an extent as to call for emphatic remonstrance on the part of their employers. The Manitoba Free Press claims to have the highest authority for denying the report.

The city of Yonkers, a short distance from New York, is now supplied with combustible gas, made from water, and used as fuel. The gas burns without smoke.

## LOCAL.

DUCKS are plentiful on the river yet.

A. MACDONALD & Co have the Indian flour contract for this Agency, 2,000 sacks.

PRAIRIE chickens have destroyed a great deal of grain while in the shock this fall.

THE H.B.Co. have bought Mavor's place at Fort Saskatchewan, with the intention of starting a store there. The price paid was \$750.

A GREAT deal of the root crop that was supposed to be ruined by the frost is being taken out all right in the vicinity of Fort Saskatchewan.

L. BEAUPRE left for Bow River on Sunday last to look after his stock which are wintering there. He was accompanied by J. Couteure and W. Calder.

THE telegraph line went down between here and Battleford last week, but was repaired on Monday afternoon. The break was about 40 miles east of Hay Lakes.

THE engine of one of the mining machines, which formerly did duty in Chambers' biscuit factory in Winnipeg, has been fitted up to run a turning lathe here.

THE merchants of Edmonton have signed an agreement not to keep their stores open or sell goods on Sunday from this date. All parties will please take notice.

PRICES of farm produce are about as follows: Wheat, \$2.00; barley, \$1.00; oats, \$1.00; potatoes, \$1.00; turnips, 50c.; onions, \$2.50. Home-made butter not to be had at 50c. a pound.

BUILDING has already commenced on the property sold by the H. B. Co. Mr. J. Newlands began putting up a building on Thursday last on the lots purchased by him on Wednesday.

SIMPSON'S survey party, in charge of Mr. Kippen, (three men in all,) have taken their quarters for the winter in the Fort, and will proceed with the survey of Indian reserves in this vicinity in the spring.

WM. LLOYD and W. Draper left for Bow River afoot on Thursday of last week, expecting Beaupre's carts to catch up to them in a day or two. After travelling a day they repented and turned back, not seeing Beaupre, as he had not yet started. It is likely Beaupre will report two men lost when he gets out there.

GAME of cricket yesterday afternoon near the Fort. Another game will be played on Monday next, and in the evening a meeting will be held in McDougall's store to organize a club for the ensuing summer. The reason for organizing this fall is that all material may be procured to be ready as soon as spring opens.

THE value of lots sold on the H.B.C. property here on Wednesday and Thursday last, the first two days of sale, amounted to \$12,000, and the value of the buildings which the agreement calls for being erected on the property inside of eighteen months, is about \$120,000. The principal buyers are C. Stewart, 20 lots, P. Heinnick, 8, D. J. McKay, 8, R. Bourne, 6, J. A. McDougall, 5, R. Hardisty, Chief Factor H.B. Co., Edmonton, 5, Mr. McDougall, Chief Factor H.B. Co., Peace River, 5, Mr. McFarlane, Chief Factor H. B. Co., Athabaska, 5, Mr. Clark, Chief Factor H.B. Co., Grand Rapids, 5. The balance of the lots were sold in blocks of not more than two or three to each person: Lots 81, 82, 83, and 84, range 4, have been selected by the trustees for school purposes:

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TENDERS will be received by the Edmonton school trustees up to WEDNESDAY, the 2nd of October, for the erection of a frame school house 24x30, 12 feet high, on the school property, lots 81, 82, 83, 84, range 4. Plans and specifications may be seen at the house of Mr. M. McCaulay.

The trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

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School Trustees.

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## LOCAL.

Mr. J. GORE arrived on Tuesday from Winnipeg. He brings a billiard table.

DONALD McLEOD sent twenty carts to Battleford week before last for freight.

J. & MODISTE LARONDELE arrived on Monday with 24 cart loads for Villiers & Pearson.

Ploughing, which was suspended on account of cold weather, has been generally resumed.

Mr. D. M. McDougall has been awarded the contract for supplying beef to the Indian Department for the coming winter.

The H. B. Co. have commenced excavating the bank and laying foundation of a steamboat warehouse, 100 feet long, below the coal sheds.

The Sturgeon River Mill has been fitted with a turbine wheel and another run of stones during the past summer. It is running day and night.

L. BELLEFROSE arrived on Wednesday with 11 carts for Villiers & Pearson, making a total of 97 cart loads of freight received by the firm here this season.

PIERRE GREY arrived on Thursday last from Jasper House. He states that from McLeod river to Carrot creek the snow is from two to three feet deep.

CUNNINGHAM and Lederoot, of Big Lake, arrived on Saturday last with eight and seven carts respectively for Villiers & Pearson. They came by Fort Saskatchewan.

WILLIAM ROWLAND arrived from Duck Lake on Wednesday of last week with six carts and a wagon loaded with freight for Villiers & Pearson. Also carts for the H. B. Co.

Mr. R. S. McGINN, H. B. Co. land agent for the Saskatchewan, arrived from Prince Albert a week ago Friday, and at once started a first-class boom in the land business.

An Indian of Chief Bob Tail's band at the Peace Hills, recently killed a cow belonging to D. M. McDougall of this place. The chief expresses a willingness to pay for the animal.

WURGE Smith's thresher was being taken across the Sturgeon River on Cunningham's bridge last Saturday, the engine broke through, but did not sustain any serious damage.

J. NORRIS jr., who had gone to Battleford to meet his wife, arrived here on Tuesday. He left Walter's train about Grizzley Bear Coulee. Ed. McPherson's train of fifty carts is still further behind.

MESSRS. HARDISTY and Wood, of the H.B.C., Edmonton, Mr. Macauley, of Slave Lake, and Mr. D. M. McDougall, left for Bow River and Fort McLeod on Tuesday last. They expect to be gone about 18 days.

Mr. W. ANDERSON, Indian Agent, arrived with his family from Fort Pitt, to which place they had come by steamer, on Friday of last week. On the trip down he was thrown out of his bunkboard and had his arm severely injured.

REV. PERE LEDUC, of St. Albert Mission, has purchased 100,000 feet of lumber, intending this winter to commence building a hospital and new house for the Rev. Sisters of Charity at that place. The building will be 100x40, three stories high.

The new school buildings at St. Albert Mission have been opened. The attendance is from 60 to 75 daily pupils, with eight boys and six girls, boarders. Rev. Sister Genevieve, English teacher, and Rev. Sister Blanche, French teacher. Tuition fee \$100 a year.

On Wednesday last at 10 o'clock a. m. the sale of building lots on the H.B.Co.'s property was commenced by Mr. R. S. McGinn, in Villiers & Pearson's store, and in exactly an hour and ten minutes 173 lots were sold to actual residents on the terms set forth at the public meeting of the night before.

Mr. S. D. MULKINS, census commissioner for the Edmonton and Bow River districts, left for the south, to commence his duties there, on Saturday last. He expects to get through and be back here about New Year's. We may then expect to find out for certain whether we are entitled to a representative in the North-West Council or not.

A TEN horse-power thresher, by W. Cust, and a two-horse tread mill, by the H. B. Co., have been added to the staff of threshers this season. Smith is threshing at the Big Lake, from the Mission west, Cust from the Mission east, Lamoreaux at Fort Saskatchewan and the Sturgeon River mill, Dan Noyes in the vicinity of Edmonton, and the H. B. Co. mill on the south side of the Saskatchewan.

LAST Sunday there were ordained at the Cathedral of St. Albert by his lordship Bishop Grandin, Rev. Father Leduc acting as arch-deacon, brother Cochlin to the first tonsure, brother Vantighan to the sub-deaconship, and brother Claude to the deaconship. Next Sunday at 9:30 p. m. will be ordained brother Cochlin to minor orders, brother Dauphin to the sub-deaconship, brother Vantighan to the deaconship and brother Claude to the priesthood.

The following is an extract from a letter received by the late Col Stewart from Gov. Laird in relation to Government aid to schools, under date of 25th July, since which time no hint further has been heard: "I cannot positively say just now what the Government arrangements will be for the current financial year, which commenced on the first of July inst. I am expecting new instructions in a few days, when a credit in aid of schools for this year is granted to me."

LAST Saturday at Lac Ste. Anne, as Alexis Bellecourt and his wife were going to fish, they broke through the ice. The woman, who was nearest to the shore, kept herself above water by clinging to an upright pole that had been used in the fishing of the year before, and was finally rescued, after being about two hours in the water. The man kept up for a long time by keeping his arms spread out on the ice, but at last, benumbed with cold, he fell back into the water and was drowned. The body was recovered shortly after, as the water was only six or eight feet deep. The deceased was about 60 years of age.

PRINCE ALBERT settlement proper has 9,375 acres under crop this season, of which 4,000 are in wheat. The average of wheat per acre is 18 bushels. The average amount under crop to each man is 30 acres. The largest amount is 150 acres, several farmers having nearly that much, among whom are T. McKay and J. Macdonald. About \$75,000 worth of bulklings have been completed there, or are under way, this summer. The Carrot River settlement, which was only started a year ago last June, has 300 acres under crop, of which 150 are wheat.

MR. WILLIAMS, correspondent of the Globe, and Mr. Begg, of the Mail, paid Edmonton a visit last week and left together for Battleford on the 18th. Mr. Williams accompanied the Governor-General on his tour as far as the boundary line, and then came north to Edmonton. Mr. Begg had travelled west on the Northern Pacific and Missouri River to Benton, and from there along the mountains to Edmonton. It was very unfortunate for the reputation of our climate that they happened to be here during a spell of exceptionally severe weather. Had they been here at the present time they could have given it the praise it really deserves.

PROF. KINZON, exploring engineer for the C. P. R. Co., arrived here on the 15th. He started to come across the country direct from Qu'Appelle, but was unable to cross the South branch on that route, so was obliged to follow the river down to the ferry. From there he came on the old plain trail by Tramping Lake and the Flag Hill to Edmonton. He left on the 18th via Fort Saskatchewan and Battleford, this being the alternative route of the proposed Edmonton Branch of the C. P. R. Instead of following the ordinary route from Fort Saskatchewan to Battleford, he intended to go by Beaver Lake and strike the telegraph line about Birch Lake, then follow the line to Battleford. He expressed himself as not being favorably impressed by the quality of the land in the vicinity of Sounding Lake, nor indeed of a great portion of the plains. Neither did he much fancy our beautiful Hay Lakes road. In fact he remarked concisely that "Such a country would ruin any company to run a road through it." For which, thanks!

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### VOL. II.

According to our promise of last spring we issue the BULLETIN in an enlarged form, and, we hope, with an improved appearance. No effort will be spared to keep our readers posted on all that is transpiring in the Upper Saskatchewan country. While our telegrams will give all important items of general news, special attention will be paid to matters relating to the North-West. Our opinions in regard to subjects that may claim our attention will be expressed truthfully and fearlessly, with a single eye to the best interests of this western country.

At present we have only arranged to publish during the winter, but if sufficient support is received, the paper will be continued without interruption, and made a permanent institution.

### THE PAST SEASON.

Last spring the snow went off about the 1st of April and the weather gave every promise that seeding would soon commence under most favorable circumstances. This promise was not fulfilled. The season turned cold and wet and a good part of the seed was put in very late. The summer continued wet and the grain grew luxuriantly, but did not ripen in proper time, so that a portion of it was touched with frost. Potatoes and roots generally did very well, but the harvest was so backward that farmers were unable to attend to them and a considerable part of the crop is still in the ground. As thrashing has only just commenced it is impossible to say at present how much grain there will be, but there will certainly be a larger quantity than ever before. Prices will likely be good, perhaps somewhat higher than last year, as the population has largely increased during the past season, and all dealers are prepared to handle grain on a cash basis. The weather at present is mild and clear, very favorable for thrashing and carrying on all kinds of farm work.

Over two hundred new settlers have arrived from British Columbia and Manitoba, and, although no surveys have yet been made, the number of occupied claims has been nearly doubled.

The H. B. Co. has had a town plot laid out on their property, and the old settlers on adjoining claims are taking measures to have their land also surveyed. Already over twenty lots have been sold on the different estates at prices ranging from \$50 to \$100 cash each to parties who are building on them. Twelve buildings, principally frame, have been put up this fall, and more are in process of construction, so that the place is beginning to assume a town-like aspect.

In past years goods of all kinds, even the most necessary articles, were scarce at certain times, but as over 300 cart loads have arrived for private traders, besides four steamboat loads for the H. B. Co., it is likely there will be a full supply.

Although the season has not been as favor-

able as could be wished, not a single settler has been disheartened thereby. All are preparing to increase their acreage next year. Trade is fairly brisk. Work is plentiful and wages good, and the outlook for all classes of the community is better at present than ever before. Taken altogether the country may be said to have taken a long step in advance during the past summer.

### A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

This place was formerly supplied with a school at irregular intervals either by church missions or private enterprise, but at present, although the need is greater than ever before, there is none of any kind. Steps have been taken, however, to supply the want, and a committee of nine of the residents have agreed to guarantee the salary of a teacher to the amount of \$50 apiece, and already over \$300 has been subscribed towards the building of a school house. Opinion is divided as to whether the building should be log or frame, but that matter will probably be decided by the amount of money subscribed. All parties would certainly prefer a frame building if the amount needed over the cost of a log one can be raised. It will probably be erected on the H. B. Co.'s property, near the Methodist church, that locality being the most central and likely to suit all parties.

Believing that a public school is a public benefit, the promoters of the scheme are organizing it on a free basis to be supported by the public at large, and no greater inducement can be offered to desirable intending settlers than the advantages of a free school. Besides being used as a school house, the building, if of a sufficient size, will answer as a hall to hold public meetings in until the place grows sufficiently to afford a town hall. Such a building, it is estimated, would cost about \$700.

Of course it is expected that the Government aid towards the payment of the teacher's salary will be forthcoming, but a letter has been received by the managing committee of the Belmont school from Governor Laird, by which this appears doubtful, as no money has been voted by Government for the purpose. It is to be hoped that this is a mistake. But even if it is so, the settlement here is large enough and able enough to support a teacher without Government aid, and the people are not of a kind to slacken their exertions after having once started in so good a work.

### MINING MACHINES.

Two gold mining machines were put on the river last summer, one worked by steam and the other by horse power, and it is to be regretted, neither of them proved a success, not because gold was not to be found, but because the machines were utterly unsuited to the purpose of taking it out. It is to be presumed that the parties prospecting, and who had never seen the river, imagined that the gold was to be found in sand bars, whereas it only occurs in gravel bars, being mixed with the black sand which is amongst the gravel. The gravel consists of large and small stones so tightly packed together that a dredge having immense power would be required to loosen it up. Neither of the machines had more than enough power to lift and wash the gravel after it was loosened, one being worked by two horses and the other by a second-hand five horse-power engine—so they were necessarily utter failures.

Hydraulic mining machines of great power work to good advantage in similar rivers in British Columbia, and there is no reason why the same machines would not give equally satisfactory results on the Saskatchewan.

The by-law granting a bonus of \$200,000 to the South-Western Branch of the C.P.R. was carried in Winnipeg on the 24th of August by a vote of 130 to 1—a pretty clear case that, although the people did not like to give the bonus, they were afraid to vote against it. At the same time Dr. Schultz' South-Western has passed into the hands of the Northern Pacific king, and is being pushed forward rapidly, as the charter would be forfeited if it were not completed a considerable distance this fall. The peculiar value of this charter arises from the fact that it permits railway communication with the boundary line, having been granted before the Syndicate was thought of, and before the law was passed prohibiting any other road from going near the boundary. It forms another outlet for Winnipeg and the North-West generally, and it is well that it has fallen into the hands of a corporation so wealthy that it can neither be bought or beaten by the Syndicate, and whose interests are so opposite as to preclude the possibility of a union between the two companies.

Mr. Williams, the Globe correspondent, who was here last week, gives the Winnipeg merchants the following puff:

In fact I begin to see that in nearly every purchase I made in Winnipeg I was swindled to a greater or less extent. My buckboard, which was a high-priced one, is not at all as represented, and so entirely indifferent was the manufacturer as to how it would serve my purpose, as soon as it was fairly off his hands, that he furnished it with a wrench that would not fit the nuts that required to be removed, at least once every twenty-four hours. To-day I had to spend enough in repairing and re-ironing the pole to have paid for two poles out and out in Ontario, and altogether the vehicle is very far from being as strong as I had been led to believe it was. The furnishing of the rest my outfit (wherever I was unable to give it my personal supervision) had been of the same character. I entrusted a very respectable firm of Winnipeg grocers to put up a small case of supplies for me, and I find on opening the box and examining the contents that the lime juice put up for me is at least half water. I paid for a bell tent that was to be complete and suitable for the trip to the Rocky Mountains and return, and I particularly stipulated that it was to be furnished with pole and pegs. When I came to have it pitched I found that it had not been furnished with pegs, and that there was nothing in the shape of a wall or curtain attached to it. After borrowing pegs with which to pitch it, I found that it was merely a shed, leaving a space of nearly ten inches open between its lower edge and the ground. Such a tent might do well enough for an awning in hot weather, but in order to make it adaptable to my purposes I shall have to pay out about half as much as it cost me for the necessary attachments. These are only samples of the way in which anyone obliged to buy an outfit in Winnipeg is liable to imposition.

It is well for Mr. Williams that he made such a short stay here and was not under the necessity of purchasing much, or his heap of shakels would have disappeared in a manner that he would have had reason to consider truly remarkable. But we can now see why prices are so high in Edmonton. As long as the traders here deal with such a gang of robbers as Winnipeg merchants appear to be, we can never hope for cheap goods. Perhaps the Mail man could devise some extension of the N. P. that would set the matter right.

The Globe has a heading in a recent issue, "Life at Red River, within the orbit of the Arctic Circle." We always thought Red River was a very cold country. Now we know the reason.

The revised New Testament has thirty thousand changes from the authorized version, but no important doctrine has been seriously affected.